

1. To whom does Odysseus recount his voyage?
2. What do Odysseus' men do on the island of the Cicones?
3. What happens when someone eats a lotus leaf?
4. The episode with the lotus flower suggests that Odysseus has problems with his men. What are the problems?
5. What does the Cyclops Polyphemus look like?
6. Where does he live?
7. Why doesn't Odysseus kill Polyphemus when he first gets the chance?
8. Why can't Odysseus and his men get out of the cave?
9. How many men does the Cyclops eat in all?
10. How does Odysseus blind Polyphemus?
11. What name does Odysseus tell Polyphemus his name is?
12. How does this name prove useful?
13. How do Odysseus and his men escape from Polyphemus' cave?
14. What mistake does Odysseus make once safely back on his ship?
15. Who is Polyphemus' father and what does Polyphemus ask of his father?
16. Who is the god of the wind?
17. What gift does he give to Odysseus and his men?
18. What mistake do some of the men make when they are almost home?
19. Who are the Laestrygonians and what happens to Odysseus' fleet?
20. What does Circe do to Odysseus' men?
21. How long does Odysseus stay with Circe?
22. Why must Odysseus journey to the Land of the Dead?
23. What does Tiresias predict and what directions does he give?
24. What are the Sirens?
25. How does Odysseus prevent his men from hearing the Sirens?
26. How is Odysseus able to hear the Sirens?
27. How does he react when he hears them?
28. How do the men react when they near Scylla and Charybdis?
29. What is Scylla?
30. How many men does she kill? How?
31. What is Charybdis?
32. Why does Odysseus choose to sail closer to Scylla than Charybdis?
33. Why do the men eventually eat the cattle of the sun god?
34. Do the men follow Eurylochus because his speech is more persuasive or because Odysseus is not present to stop them?  
(explain your answer)
35. Helios demands for revenge. What response does Zeus give?
36. What happens to Odysseus' ship and crew?